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Wall Street Journal: "AIG, U.S. Agree on Terms of U.S. Exit Plan ... American International Group Inc. and its U.S. government overseers have agreed in principle on a plan that would speed up repayment of the giant insurer's taxpayer debt and pave the way for the U.S. to exit its ownership of the bailed-out company."

Wall Street Journal: "Plan Would Pare U.S. Stake in AIG ... American International Group Inc. and its various overseers are finalizing a plan to accelerate repayment of the company's taxpayer debt and allow the U.S. government to exit from majority ownership, according to people familiar with the matter."

Wall Street Journal: "A Bank Bailout Some Won't Exit ... The government's \$700 billion financial bailout officially ends Monday, costing far less than expected and having largely achieved its goal of propping up the financial sector. But some banks are having a hard time letting go."

Wall Street Journal: "Senate Confirms Yellen, Bloom Raskin as Fed Board Members ... The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed two of the three outstanding Federal Reserve Board governor nominees on Wednesday night, filling key slots on the central bank's board."

Wall Street Journal: "Minimum Thresholds for Swaps Urged ... A large regional bank last week wrote to U.S. regulators suggesting that new rules being crafted for the privately negotiated derivatives market include a threshold, below which certain users wouldn't be burdened by the law."

Wall Street Journal: "In Elizabeth Warren We Trust? ... The Obama administration has promised that the Federal Reserve's new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will be independent from politics, a model of regulatory expertise grounded in sound data and economics. Naming Harvard Law Prof. Elizabeth Warren as de facto agency head undermines both goals."

Wall Street Journal: "Two Cheers for the New Bank Capital Standards ... On Sept. 12 the heads of the world's major central banks and bank-supervisory agencies met to bless what is called "Basel III," the latest international agreement on bank capital requirements. Should we be applauding or frowning upon this agreement? A little of each."

Washington Post: "AIG reaches deal to repay government ... AIG, which became a lightning rod for criticism over government bailouts, said it reached a deal to repay billions of dollars it received during the credit crisis."

Washington Post: "Four key questions if the Fed decides to stimulate the economy ... The debate over new Federal Reserve efforts to boost the economy has rapidly shifted from "whether" to "how." Since Fed officials met last week and signaled they are open to new steps to try to strengthen the economy, chatter has flown around financial markets about the possibility of a major new infusion of cash, on the order of \$1 trillion."

Washington Post: "Business trade groups fight SEC's new proxy-access rule ... Trade groups representing major U.S. corporations including Alcoa, FedEx and Goldman Sachs asked a court Wednesday to scuttle a new federal regulation that would leave members of their boards of directors vulnerable to being ousted by shareholders."

Washington Post: "IMF preaches moderation: One shot of Moody's with an S&P chaser ... It is annual meeting season for the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, and the festivities kicked off Wednesday with the release of the first

bits of the IMF's latest Global Financial Stability Report."

Washington Post: "Where's the moral outrage on Wall Street? ... Elizabeth Warren, please call Michael Lewitt."

NY Times: "Ireland Takes Over 2nd Bank as Bailout Bill Rises ... In a sweeping action meant to regain the confidence of jittery investors, the Irish government said Thursday that it expected to inject billions more euros into two of its largest banks, underscoring the extent to which they continued to jeopardize the country's fiscal condition."

NY Times: "TARP, the Long Goodbye ... The Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, is over - more specifically, its legal authority expires on Sunday, so it cannot be used for new "bailout" activities (although legacy programs, with money already disbursed, could last five to 10 years.)"

USA Today: "Bernanke: Fed moves ahead on implementing financial rules revamp ... The Federal Reserve is working closely with other regulators to implement the biggest overhaul of financial rules since the Great Depression, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said Wednesday."